

# UNITED STATES GIVES UP GERMAN SHIPS NOW IN NEW YORK HARBOR

**Vessels Were Assigned After Armistice for Repatriation of American Troops and Designated by Allies to Pass to Great Britain Under Armistice Terms.**

**PRES. WILSON DIRECTED TRANSFER TO BE MADE**

**U. S. Shipping Board Had Appealed Delivery Now Till Final Determination of Ownership Was Made, but No Action on Appeal Had Been Taken Up To-day.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—On recommendation of the state department, President Wilson has ordered the remaining seven German ships used to bring home American troops released to Great Britain. By his instructions, the shipping board announced to-day, this action would be taken as soon as a properly accredited British representative was ready to receive the vessels now in New York harbor. The Imperial, second largest ship afloat and one of the original eight Hamburg-American liners employed in American transport service, was delivered recently to the Cunard line.

The president's action, it was said, at the state department, followed a request from Great Britain that the ships be surrendered under the original allocation of the inter-allied shipping commission which arranged to get the vessels out of German harbors following the armistice. On investigation it was added, the department had found that the United States had no right to retain the ships beyond the period of their service in bringing back American troops, now completed, and so reported to President Wilson.

While the president's order puts an end to the controversy over the German ships, the status of 12 standard oil tank steamers formerly under the German flag, but now in the Fifth of North under British jurisdiction, remains in doubt. Delay in turning over the German passenger craft by the shipping board, it has been understood, is due to efforts to obtain title to these oil carriers. The last formal action as to the tankers was the order of the supreme council at Paris, that they be held in British custody until finally disposed of and be not delivered for operation under the awards made by the allied commission.

## ON SPECIAL MISSION.

**Soviet Republic Envoy Arrives in Naples, Italy.**

Paris, Dec. 26.—A Soviet republic envoy, charged with a special mission to the Italian government, arrived at Naples yesterday, according to a dispatch received here from Rome.

## GOING TO SOUTH AMERICA.

**King and Queen of Spain Will Visit There in June.**

Paris, Dec. 26. (Havas).—King Alfonso and Queen Victoria of Spain will sail for South America next June, according to the Eclair.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

Dr. E. F. Heineinger passed Christmas at his home in Burlington.

Oscar Boyea of 9 Summer street is spending a week with relatives in Malone, N. Y.

Leo Bressett, draughtsman in the New York office of Townsend & Townsend, wholesale granite dealers, is visiting friends and relatives in Barre for a short time.

Of the 58 cattle tested by Federal inspector Dr. J. W. Hermann and State inspector Dr. W. A. Hamilton last Wednesday only four were condemned. This group of cattle was assembled at the Hopkins stables on Prospect street from individual owners from all parts of the city. Each was subjected to the 4-hour test, the necessary time to determine the presence of tuberculosis. Dr. Hermann did the greater part of the work alone on Wednesday, since Dr. Hamilton was summoned to other parts of the state. On Tuesday last 8 cattle were presented for examination and of that number 10 responded to the test and will be sent to the Burlington Rendering company's plant to be killed. Yesterday being Christmas, none of the work was begun but this morning there were 40 awaiting the test. To-day was the last day on which cattle owners can have their animals tested at the expense of the government. Every cow retained by a person in Barre must pass the tuberculin test before the city clerk will let him have the necessary license papers to be owner. Those who did not take advantage of this opportunity will have to pay the expense of a test to some extent.

## FRANCE TO SAVE FUEL BY MANIPULATING CLOCK

Paris, Dec. 26.—The cabinet met to-day and approved the bill providing for the turning ahead of the clocks one hour beginning Feb. 1, as a fuel conservation measure.

Louis Klotz, the minister of finance, met with the cabinet and presented questions relating to the financial situation, which, it was decided, would be discussed further at a meeting next Monday.

## JEALOUSY ASCRIBED AS MURDER MOTIVE

**And Authorities Expect to Make Arrest To-day in J. Stanley Brown Homicide.**

Mount Clemens, Mich., Dec. 26.—An arrest in connection with the killing of J. Stanley Brown, found shot in his automobile near here Wednesday, is expected to-day, according to Sheriff William Caldwell.

The sheriff said he was convinced that jealousy figured in the killing despite the fact that securities of considerable value at first reported to have been left undisturbed on Brown's person, after the shooting, have not been found. Part of the securities said to be worth \$20,000 are known to have been negotiable.

The authorities have learned that the tragedy which occurred on a country road about four miles from here preceded by only a few days Brown's contemplated departure for Florida to engage in business.

Brown, who was 35 years old, is survived by his 19-year-old widow, two daughters and one brother. His father, a millionaire cigar manufacturer of Detroit, died several years ago.

## MEET TO DISCUSS END OF KANSAS STRIKE

**If Executive Board Sends Men Back to Work, the Contempt of Court Case Against Howat Will Probably Be Continued Indefinitely.**

Pittsburg, Kan., Dec. 26.—Members of the executive board of district number 14, United Mine Workers of America, met here to-day to discuss and decide the strike of the central coal and coke company's men in this region.

The meeting is in conformity with the promise of Alexander M. Howat, president of the district, to Federal Judge A. B. Anderson at Indianapolis that he would use his influence in ending the strike which began July 17 last.

In the event the strike is called off, it is expected that contempt of court proceedings against Howat at Indianapolis will be continued indefinitely by the government.

## PLUCKY WATCHMAN DROVE OFF THUGS

**Daniel Whitlock Was Wounded Four Times in Desperate Encounter at Cambridge, Mass.**

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 26.—The plucky fight of Daniel Whitlock, an unarmed watchman, at the plant of the National Biscuit company, forced three gunmen to flee after they had shot him four times late last night.

In their retreat, the burglars left behind \$7,000 in a safe, and their kit of tools. The tools were found scattered outside the factory.

Whitlock, with a bullet wound over the left eye, two shots in the right arm and one in the left leg, collapsed after he had routed the gunmen. It was early to-day before he recovered sufficiently to give the alarm by telephone. The burglars, meantime, had made their escape.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

Carl Waterman of Boston is visiting at his home on Washington street.

Miss Florence Dingwall, who is employed as a stenographer in Albany, N. Y., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dingwall of Elm street.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton L. Julian of St. Johnsbury and Fred Julian of Hartford, Conn., returned to their homes to-day after having spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Bennett Julian of Pleasant street.

Christmas exercises will be held at the Italian Baptist church this evening, beginning at 6:45. All the parents, as well as the children, are urged to be present. A program will be given and there will be a Christmas tree, with probably a visit by Santa Claus.

Parents of children in the primary and junior departments of the Presbyterian Sunday school are reminded of the Christmas tree and party at the church tonight at 7 o'clock. The teachers have arranged to give the members of these two branches a good time.

Attention discharged soldiers and sailors in Washington county. The New England division of the American Red Cross is attempting to clear up all complicated allotment and allowance cases. This is to be handled geographically and Vermont is to have first chance. Any such cases should be reported to Mrs. P. E. Robinson of the home service section within the next 10 days. Jackson block, room 4, Saturday afternoon, Monday, Tuesday and Saturday evenings.

## BEGIN PEACE PLAN NEXT WEEK

**Conferences Between Allied and German Delegates to Be Held in Paris**

**PRESIDED OVER BY FRENCH DELEGATE**

**Herr Von Simpson Will Head the German Delegation at Parley**

Paris, Dec. 26.—Conferences will begin here early next week between allied and German delegates on measures preparatory to putting the peace treaty into effect, it was announced to-day. The sessions will be held under the presidency of General Lerdond, a member of the French delegation.

Herr Von Simpson will head the German delegation, British and Italian delegates will arrive here on Monday, to have part in the deliberations.

The supreme council did not hold a session to-day but announced a meeting for to-morrow.

## PROHIBITION MAY DECIDE

**Policy of Shipping Board in Operating Passenger Lines.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Prohibition may prove the dominant factor in deciding the question of what policy the shipping board is to adopt with regard to operating passenger lines. Officials discussing tentative plans to sell to private owners 103 former German vessels, taken over by the United States in 1917, said that the board's recent decision to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors on shipping board vessels would make competition with privately owned American vessels and foreign lines practically impossible from a business view point.

An aggregate of approximately 250,000 deadweight tons would be sold if the board's decision is carried out. The board's decision was very large, the entire Danish population of Barre and the surrounding towns, with the exception of one or two families, being present.

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## R. R. MACHINISTS VOTED TO STRIKE

**In Case Congress Should Enact the Cummins Bill**

**WITH ANTI-STRIKE PROVISION IN IT**

**Announcement Was Made To-day by President Johnston**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Ninety-eight per cent of the 125,000 union railway machinists voted in November to strike over other trades in the event Congress enacted the Cummins railroad bill with its anti-strike provision.

In making this announcement to-day, William H. Johnston, president of the National Association of Machinists, said the vote was taken before the Senate interstate commerce committee reported out the Cummins measure and that the result was not officially published because the association did not want to appear in the attitude of attempting to threaten Congress.

The machinists' membership is around half a million, but not more than 125,000 of this number are employed on railroads.

President Johnston explained that the strike vote stipulated that union railway machinists would quit work if the Cummins bill was passed by both branches of Congress, not by one.

"When the roads were taken over by the government, the employees were free," Mr. Johnston said, "and we propose that if they are turned back to private ownership, the employees shall be equally free. There is no necessity for such drastic legislation as is provided for in the Cummins bill. There never has been a general railroad strike and there never will be, in my opinion."

So far as labor officials are advised they will not be given another hearing by Senate or House committees, but they will keep up the fight against the anti-strike section, it was said, and appeal finally to President Wilson to veto the bill if it should be enacted with that clause intact.

President Johnston said that no other trades that would be affected by the anti-strike section of the bill had taken a vote, so far as he had been advised.

## DANISH PEOPLE OBSERVED DAY

**With Dancing and Feasting at K. of C. Hall Last Evening.**

Last evening the Knights of Columbus hall was the scene of gay festivities, when the Danish Brotherhood held its annual Christmas tree and celebration. The attendance was very large, the entire Danish population of Barre and the surrounding towns, with the exception of one or two families, being present.

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## EIGHT MEN DEAD FROM DRINKING

**Liquor Thought to Be Whiskey Probably Compounded of Wool Alcohol**

**FOUR MEN CHARGED WITH MURDER**

**Liquor Was Served Over the Bar of a Saloon in Hartford, Conn.**

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 26.—Eight men are dead here from drinking liquor which, thought to be whiskey, had been compounded probably with wool alcohol. Four men are under arrest charged with murder in connection with the deaths and a fifth is charged with intent to transport liquor illegally.

Twelve barrels of a mixture, presumed to be palatable but requiring water to lessen its strength, were bought of a New York firm for \$12,000, according to statements made to the police. Pending analysis of the liquid the police opinion is that the liquid has a wool alcohol base and a coloring was added to make it look like whiskey.

The man arrested charged with transportation of liquor is a truckman, and he had four barrels and many jugs of liquor on his truck.

The members, lady friends and invited guests of the Glenue club met in the hall last evening, Christmas night, to hold their annual banquet. There were about 60 couples present when Cooper's orchestra struck up the grand march, and every couple present was soon on the floor to enjoy the dance.

The custom of the Glenue club is to have their first four dances at one end of the hall, and at the other end of the hall the banquet tables were set, with all kinds of "eats" on them. When the last of the four dances was over, the president of the club, Alexander Matthews, requested everyone present to take their seats at the tables, as the next part of the evening's program was a concert to occupy an hour before supper was served. Just before the concert started, the stewards waiting tables waited to that everyone seated had something to drink. This part of the program, however, was not as it used to be, and a deep drawn sigh was heard from many of the men, as there was this evening no "home brew" for them.

The first number of the concert program was a few remarks from President Matthews, who talked on the high road of living and complained how hard it was to arrange such little banquets nowadays, but that the committee in charge had spared no efforts to make this one as big a success as in former years. He then called on Mrs. Rose Penny for a song. This artist has not been heard much in Barre, as she lately arrived from Aberdeen, Scotland. However, her singing of "My Ain Wee Hoose" brought a touch of longing for the old country back to all who listened, when as he was singing a loud roar of applause was given to her.

Coming next was an exhibition of Highland dances by Miss Marie Pirie, her first being the Highland fling, and by the applause given her it proved that this talented little dancer was more popular than ever. She next gave the sword dance and last to appear for a dance before those present were satisfied. A Cornmark as pleasing as ever with his comic songs, George McLeod, sang two of Scotland's favorite songs to perfection and was greatly applauded.

After the president announced that the supper was ready, and the stewards were busy then, and not until about an hour later did they all rise from the tables, declaring that they had enjoyed a splendid supper. The tables were then cleared away and the president handed the remainder of the evening's program to the door manager, James Freeland, who soon had the splendid music from the orchestra going. The company enjoyed dancing to the wee sma' hours of the morning.

During this part of the evening's program, the little popular and well known and well liked present with her highland dances at the concert part of the program was called on again. This time Miss Pirie showed a fine exhibition of step dancing, first being the skirt dance, in a lovely costume, and next a dance that has been very popular in Barre, what is known as the skipping rope dance. This dance was given in a handsome dress, made for the purpose, and by the applause when she finished, it could easily be seen that everyone was delighted at the exhibition given by the young artist. Refreshments were served at various times during the evening.

A dance called an affinity dance, where tickets were given to all and each had to find their partner was greatly enjoyed by all.

The success of the banquet was due to the following committee: A. Matthews, A. Cowie, R. Palmer, A. Cornmark, J. Pirie, J. Freeland, H. Mitchell, J. McDonald, C. J. Freeland, who were assisted by a number of the ladies, with Mrs. Fraser of Merchant street as supervisor.

**PEERLESS FIVE WON.**

**Defeated Morrisville Legion Team by 48 to 28.**

At Morrisville last evening the Barre aggregation known as the Peerless Five basketball team, defeated the Morrisville team of the American Legion, 48 to 28, in a decidedly fast game. The Morrisville heavy team was unable to endanger the visitors' lead, for they were outclassed in team work and shooting. F. Murphy of Barre carried 10 baskets while playing left forward.

The 14th annual exhibition of the Vermont Poultry association closed at the Pavilion on Pearl street yesterday afternoon after a three days' exhibition, at which nearly 600 birds were exhibited, including about 150 utility fowls. Hundreds of people visited the show during the three days and learned much of interest there, as well as at the lecture by W. H. Card of Manchester, N. H., at the granite manufacturers' rooms on Tuesday evening.

The judges of the exhibition, W. H. Card and H. A. G. Leggett of Burlington, awarded the prizes as follows: The residences of the winners being Barre except where specifically given:

**BUFF ORPINGTONS.**  
1st and 2d cocks, J. P. Corbick; 3d and 4th cocks, Mrs. Donald Smith; 4th cock, Charles Oliver.

1st, 2d and 3d hens, J. P. Corbick; 4th and 5th hens, J. P. Corbick; 6th and 7th hens, J. P. Corbick; 8th and 9th hens, J. P. Corbick; 10th and 11th hens, J. P. Corbick; 12th and 13th hens, J. P. Corbick; 14th and 15th hens, J. P. Corbick; 16th and 17th hens, J. P. Corbick; 18th and 19th hens, J. P. Corbick; 20th and 21st hens, J. P. Corbick; 22nd and 23rd hens, J. P. Corbick; 24th and 25th hens, J. P. Corbick; 26th and 27th hens, J. P. Corbick; 28th and 29th hens, J. P. Corbick; 30th and 31st hens, J. P. Corbick; 32nd and 33rd hens, J. P. Corbick; 34th and 35th hens, J. P. Corbick; 36th and 37th hens, J. P. Corbick; 38th and 39th hens, J. P. Corbick; 40th and 41st hens, J. P. Corbick; 42nd and 43rd hens, J. P. Corbick; 44th and 45th hens, J. P. Corbick; 46th and 47th hens, J. P. Corbick; 48th and 49th hens, J. P. Corbick; 50th and 51st hens, J. P. Corbick; 52nd and 53rd hens, J. P. Corbick; 54th and 55th hens, J. P. Corbick; 56th and 57th hens, J. P. Corbick; 58th and 59th hens, J. 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